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Dr. Walter S. Malloch
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Dear Dr. Malloch:

Are you by chance the W. S. Malloch who did a Ph.D. thesis in 1940 at Berkeley on Neurospora tetrasperma mutations? If so, you may be the only person who has some needed information on the origin of two important Neurospora stocks.

In 1945, G. W. Beadle acknowledged receiving from W. S. Malloch two Neurospora crassa stocks, which he designated LA and La. These were used in work for which he and Tatum later received a Nobel Prize. They were also used to derive other important research strains, of which many are still in use in laboratories, including my own.

For reasons I'll not go into, it would be useful for us to know which of Lindegren's various stocks these particular two represent. Was there any more specific identification than merely LA and La when they were received from him? It is on the remote chance that you might have such information that I am writing.

Sincerely yours,

David D. Perkins
Professor of Biology

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